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Loss of Trojan Horse photography would impose unacceptable delays in continuing studies on the basis of military and economic significance in North Vietnam and Laos. These studies cannot possibly be performed in 10 day period the photography is to be available in Washington.

Recent studies, for example, requested from this office for current intelligence purposes include one on the airfield construction program in the DRV and another on SAM emplacements. Both studies required a cumulative photographic base in order to be meaningful. Any ~~xxxx~~ number of other requirements could be cited which would suffer from the absence of this photography from Washington and the long delays inherent in getting it back from the services.

It is our feeling that photography taken primarily for intelligence purposes cannot be properly exploited in ten days. No one in the intelligence community is set up to work this way and, indeed, it is not a feasible way to work.

We have found, in the past, that we cannot rely on DIA Production Center exploitation of the photography to fulfill more than a small percentage of our requirements.

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The primary loss to GCI would be in the continuing study of the road and trail network extending from North Vietnam through the Laos panhandle to South Vietnam. However, loss of Yankee Team photography would not be as severe as the loss or lack of use of ~~existing~~ Trojan Horse photography.

OTHER

Mention was made of this problem at the LOOKOUT Task Force meeting today. (LOOKOUT is the task force charged by the Director with discovering the presence of surface-to-surface missiles in North Vietnam) Representatives from DIA and NPIC are coming into the problem to see if the loss of photography you described will be a hindrance to the task force.

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